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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR FOREST PROTECTION IN THE CANAL ZONE

1. THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE PANAMANIAN-
U.S. TREATY IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP HELD ITS FIRST
MEETING JULY 5. IT WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT (COMPTROLLER GENERAL,
MINISTRY OF PLANNING, RENARE, NATIONAL GUARD), THE U.S.
EMBASSY, USAID, PANCANAL, SOUTHCOM AND THE 193RD
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
2. THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY AUGUSTO ZAMBRANO, PANAMA'S
CO-CHAIRMAN, WHO DECLARED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA
HAS FIRMLY ADOPTED THE POLICY OF PROTECTING THE FOREST
RESOURCES OF THE CANAL ZONE. HE RECOMMENDED JOINT ACTION
BY PANCANAL AND THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT
THE FORESTS AND RESOLVE THE SQUATTER PROBLEM BEFORE
THE TREATY ENTERS INTO FORCE OCTOBER 1, 1979. HE
PROPOSED THAT WORK BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON A COMPLETE
DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY OF CANAL ZONE SQUATTERS,
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WHICH WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF AUGUST 1978.
THIS, HE SAID, WOULD PROVIDE TIME TO WORK OUT PROGRAMS
OF ACTION IN SEPTEMBER, WHICH IN TURN WOULD BE
IMPLEMENTED EARLY IN OCTOBER.

3. FRANK MORRIS OF PANCANAL, THE U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN,
THEN PRESENTED A RECOMMENDED PLAN OF ACTION (WHICH

HE CAUTIONED DOES NOT YET HAVE FINAL USG APPROVAL). THIS PLAN PROVIDES FOR HIRING OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, AN INTENSIVE INFORMATION PROGRAM, AND OTHER ACTIONS. THE CORE OF THE PANCANAL PROPOSAL IS ENFORCEMENT OF A NON-CUTTING PROGRAM EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1978. IN HIS PRESENTATION, MORRIS ASKED FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT IN THIS PROGRAM.

4. THE PANAMANIAN REPRESENTATIVES SEEMED RECEPTIVE. ZAMBRANO SAID THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS' PROPOSALS COULD BE DOVETAILED. HE RECOMMENDED THAT A SMALL WORKING GROUP BEGIN ACTION IMMEDIATELY TO WORK ON THE CENSUS OF SQUATTERS. THIS WAS AGREED TO, AND THE FIRST MEETING IS BEING HELD JULY 6. THIS SMALL WORKING GROUP WILL REPORT TO THE NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING JULY 11.

5. COMMENT: FUNDAMENTALLY, THE TWO SIDES SEEM TO BE ON THE SAME WAVELENGTHS. THE PANAMANIANIS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY MORE INTERESTED IN THE PROBLEM OF WHAT TO DO WITH THE SQUATTERS ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED FROM CUTTING OR PLANTING, BUT BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT, BEGINNING IN OCTOBER, A CONCERTED EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO AVOID ANY DAMAGE TO THE ZONE FORESTS THIS DRY SEASON.

6. A COPY OF THE DOCUMENTS PRESENTED IN THE MEETING
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